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WISCONSIN MAN GETS 50 YEARS FOR CHILD SEX CRIMES

Lengthy sentence is one of several for members of Internet-based child porn ring

GREEN BAY, Wis.—A Beaver Dam man was sentenced to 50 years in prison Thursday for enticing minors into sex acts and possessing child pornography, following an FBI-led investigation with assistance from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and state and local authorities in Wisconsin.

William Martin, 34, was sentenced in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Northern Division, by Judge William Griesbach to 20 years in prison on each of two counts of sexual exploitation of children, and to 10 years in prison for one count of possessing child pornography. Martin was also sentenced to nine years of supervised release after completing his prison sentence.

During sentencing, Judge Griesbach referred to Martin as the “mastermind” of an Internet-based child porn ring whose members sexually molested children and shared photographs, videos and live broadcasts of the acts with each other. According to court documents, Martin lured several boys, some as young as nine years old, into his apartment, where he molested them and had them perform sex acts with each other. One witness said Martin gave the boys’ mothers drugs to keep them occupied.

The case against Martin emerged after law enforcement authorities in Michigan arrested a man in 2003 who was a member of the ring. That man, Brian Scott Urbanawiz, ultimately pleaded guilty to child sex crimes last year and was sentenced to 35 years in prison. That case led FBI and ICE to Wisconsin where the investigation into the activities of William Martin and others resulted in the convicting several men. The following men were all convicted in federal court in Green Bay, Wis.:

- Joel Kline, 42, of Beaver Dam, Wis., was convicted of two counts of aggravated sexual abuse with children and two counts of travel with intent to engage in a sexual act with a juvenile. He was sentenced Sept. 14 to two life terms in prison, two 360-month terms, and one 360-month term.

- Adam Brown, 32, formerly a police officer in Riverside, Calif., was convicted of travel with intent to engage in a sexual act with a juvenile. He was sentenced July 29 to 365 months in prison and five years of supervised release. Brown flew to Beaver Dam twice to have sex with boys at Martin's invitation, according to court documents.
- Robert Hornyak, 60, of Milwaukee, was convicted of receiving and distributing child pornography, and sentenced June 14 to 78 months in prison and three years of supervised release.
- Kurt Sandvig, 44, of Kansas City, Mo., was convicted of travel with the intent to engage in a sexual act with a juvenile. He was sentenced July 27 to 360 months in prison and five years of supervised release.

"ICE and our law enforcement partners have succeeded in taking a group of child molesters off the streets for decades," said Resident Agent-in-Charge Brian Falvey of the Milwaukee ICE office. "Our message to those who contemplate such crimes is this: We will not stand by as you prey on the most vulnerable among us. We will find you, prosecute you, and incarcerate you."

Operation Predator is ICE's comprehensive initiative to safeguard children from foreign national pedophiles, international sex tourists, Internet child pornographers, and human traffickers. Since Operation Predator began July 9, 2003, the initiative has resulted in more than 6,085 child predator arrests throughout the country—an average of 250 arrests per month, or eight arrests per day.

To enhance all these efforts to protect children, ICE has formed partnerships with several non-governmental organizations, including the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) and World Vision's child sex tourism prevention project, to provide prevention and deterrence information to the public. ICE plans to expand these partnerships in the coming year.

Members of the public wishing to report suspicious activity may contact ICE at 1-866-DHS-2ICE or Operation.Predator@dhs.gov. Additionally, NCMEC can be contacted at 1-800-843-5678 or at www.cybertipline.com. Additional information about the operation is posted at: www.ice.gov.

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